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Bernd-Georg Pietras, et al.

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Connection Of Tubulars Using
A Top Drive

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 29 without prejudice and amend the claims as follows:

~~Sub 1/ 45. (Amended) An apparatus for connecting tubulars using a top drive, comprising:
a body connectable to said top drive;~~

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